

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 1,~~ A computer-implemented method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on a shape of said electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining ~~its~~ said electronic ink's distance to other annotations.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 1,~~ A computer-implemented method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on a shape of said electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining the ratio of said electronic ink height to width.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:

anchoring said electronic ink to said at least one object by adding a link to said displayed information.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 3, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:

anchoring said electronic ink to a file position of said at least one object.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink;

associating said electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information, wherein the relationship of said electronic ink to said at least one object is maintained despite re-flowing of said displayed information by a layout engine.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line words in which said at least one object is within a flow of text.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as text marks.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line paragraphs and sketches.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as margin notes.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as a connector.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 16, wherein said classifying step classifies said electronic ink as one of embedded ink and overlaid ink.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer readable medium according to claim 14, A~~ computer readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program implementing a method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said program comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on shape of the electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining its distance to other annotations.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer readable medium according to claim 14, A~~ computer readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program implementing a method for adding electronic ink to displayed information on a system having a display, said program comprising the steps of:

classifying said electronic ink based on shape of the electronic ink;

associating said classified electronic ink with at least one object of said displayed information; wherein said classifying step includes the step of determining the ratio of said electronic ink height to width.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 16, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:

anchoring said electronic ink to said at least one object by adding a link to said displayed information.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:
anchoring said electronic ink to a file position of said at least one object.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said associating step further includes the step of:
anchoring said electronic ink to said at least one object by adding a link at or near said object pointing to said electronic ink.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein the relationship of said electronic ink to said at least one object is maintained despite re-flowing of said displayed information by a layout engine.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line words in which said at least one object is within a flow of text.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as text marks.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as in-line paragraphs and sketches.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as margin notes.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim ~~14~~ 17, wherein said classifying step classifies said ink as a connector.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 3, wherein said step of classifying including classifying said electronic ink as a chain of strokes and said associating step includes associating a center of said chain of strokes with said at least one object.